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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:


I am requesting funding for the expansion of The Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, Virginia in fiscal year 2023.

Sponsoring this project is The Birthplace of Country Music Museum (BCM), located at 101 Country Music Way, Bristol, Virginia, 24201. The museum, which opened in 2014, is a 24,000 sq. ft. affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute that explores sound technology and highlights how the area's rich musical heritage still thrives in the Appalachian region and beyond.

Funding would be used by BCM to complete Phase 2 of a planned expansion project, which has been placed on hold until financial resources can be secured. This phase includes work on the building's mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems as well as restoration of the front façade and structural modifications for an elevator. It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, as this project will create additional space for exhibits and facilitate proper storage and display of nationally significant collections.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



H. Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress